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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2135**

**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06502.0289-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Germano CARONNI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2135  
Application No.: 09/457,914 ) Examiner: Leynna A. Ha  
Filed: December 10, 1999 ) Confirmation No.: 8208  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR )  
ENABLING SCALABLE )  
SECURITY IN A VIRTUAL )  
PRIVATE NETWORK ) **Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 22, 2005, the period for response extending to July 22, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include copies of the Information Disclosure Statements filed April 8 and 14, 2005, including forms PTO/SB/08 and copies of stamped return post cards.